IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

673753 ONTARIO LIMITED)
D/B/A TRAFFIX)
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Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No
)
SAFARI MERCHANT LOGISTICS, LLC)
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Defendant.)
	_)

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiff 673753 Ontario Limited d/b/a Traffix (hereinafter "Traffix"), by and through Counsel, and files this Complaint against Defendant Safari Merchant Logistics, LLC (hereinafter "Safari"). In support thereof, Traffix shows the Court the following:

Parties

- Traffix is a Canadian corporation whose principal place of business is: 375 Wheelabrator Way, Milton, ON L9T 3C1, Canada.
- 2. Traffix is a federally licensed property broker at Docket No. MC-00211991.
- 3. Safari is a Texas limited liability company whose principal place of business is: 1565 West Main St., Suite 208-1022, Lewisville, Texas 75067.
- 4. Safari is an authorized motor carrier by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) at Docket No. MC-77688.
- 5. Safari's registered agent for service of process is Newton Kirui, who may be served with process at 216 Turning Tree Rd., Wilmer, TX 75172.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the instant action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1337, as this is an action based upon loss and damage arising from interstate transportation services in excess of \$10,000, pursuant to a bill of lading contract/Delivery Order. See Appendix A.
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), venue is proper in this district and division because Safari's principal place of business is located in Lewisville, Texas.
- 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Safari because Safari entered into a bill of lading contract/Delivery Order to provide transportation services from Rancho Domingo, California for delivery to Albuquerque, New Mexico. *See* Appendix A.
- This action involves the loss or damage of Traffix's assignor's goods pursuant to 49 U.S.C.
 § 14706, the Carmack Amendment.

Traffix's Carmack Amendment Cause of Action

- 10. Traffix repeats and reincorporates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 11. On or about November 25, 2019, Mitsubishi Warehouse Company tendered to Safari drums of Zirconium Oxide. *See* Appendix A.
- 12. The transportation services were arranged for by Traffix as a property broker.
- 13. Safari accepted this shipment in good order and condition.
- 14. While the cargo was in the possession and control of Safari, the drums of Zirconium Oxide were damaged in interstate transit.
- 15. Pursuant to its obligation with its customer, Traffix is obligated to the beneficial owner of the shipment (CTS Corporation) for the actual value of the shipment, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 14706, in the amount of \$61,110.

- 16. A timely and proper claim was made upon Safari for the value of the shipment in the amount of \$61,110.
- 17. Upon the refusal of Safari and its insurance carrier to acknowledge and pay for this claim,

 Traffix adjusted said claim and is now seeking recovery. *See* Appendix B.

Conclusion and Prayer

WHEREFORE, Traffix prays for Judgment as follows:

- 1. That Judgment be entered against Safari in the amount of \$61,110; and
- 2. That Traffix be awarded such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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